

CROW INDIAN TRIBE



Resources Report

AND FACILITIES SERVICES

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Introduction

This section addresses the facilities and services in five of the larger communities on the Crow Indian Reservation that could be affected by activities associated with oil and gas development.

Communities

Crow Agency

The centralized business community for tribal members is the unincorporated town of Crow Agency, which also has the Crow Tribal Administration's facilities and 31 programs. The BIA program offices are located in Crow Agency; these programs include Irrigation, Forestry, Roads, Personnel, Credit, Land Operations, Finance, Law and Order, and Real Estate Office. The IHS, Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital is located south of Crow Agency, near US-212. The Little Bighorn Battlefield, National Park Service is located two miles south of Crow Agency on US-212.

Legislative District (A map of legislative districts is presented in *Figure 4*.)

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Educational Facilities (Facilities and services are shown in *Figure 20*.)

Elementary District #17H

- Crow Agency School: K-6, Mike Chapman, Principal, Enrollment 241, (406) 638-2252
- Little Bighorn College: Tribal Community College, operating since mid-1970s, fully accredited institution.

Utilities (Electric and Telephone utilities are shown in *Figures 21 and 22*)

- Electric: Big Horn County Electric Coop (406) 665-2830
- Telephone: Project Telephone Company (406) 783-5659
- Gas: Montana Dakota Utilities (406) 896-4280
- Propane: Farmers Union Hardin (406) 665-1103 / Lodge Grass Propane (406) 639-2216

Public Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Systems (Sanitation Survey 2000, *see Figure 20*)

The quality of water on the Crow Indian Reservation is a concern. The water and wastewater systems at Crow Agency are severely overworked and in need of maintenance.

The Environmental Protection Program, Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Division, Crow Tribal Administration reports on the past, present, and future needs of the public water and wastewater systems of the Crow Reservation:

- Crow Water Plant: Not operating, currently funded to be remodeled, cleaned and retrofitted
- BIA Water Plant: Operating, in need of repairs and maintenance.

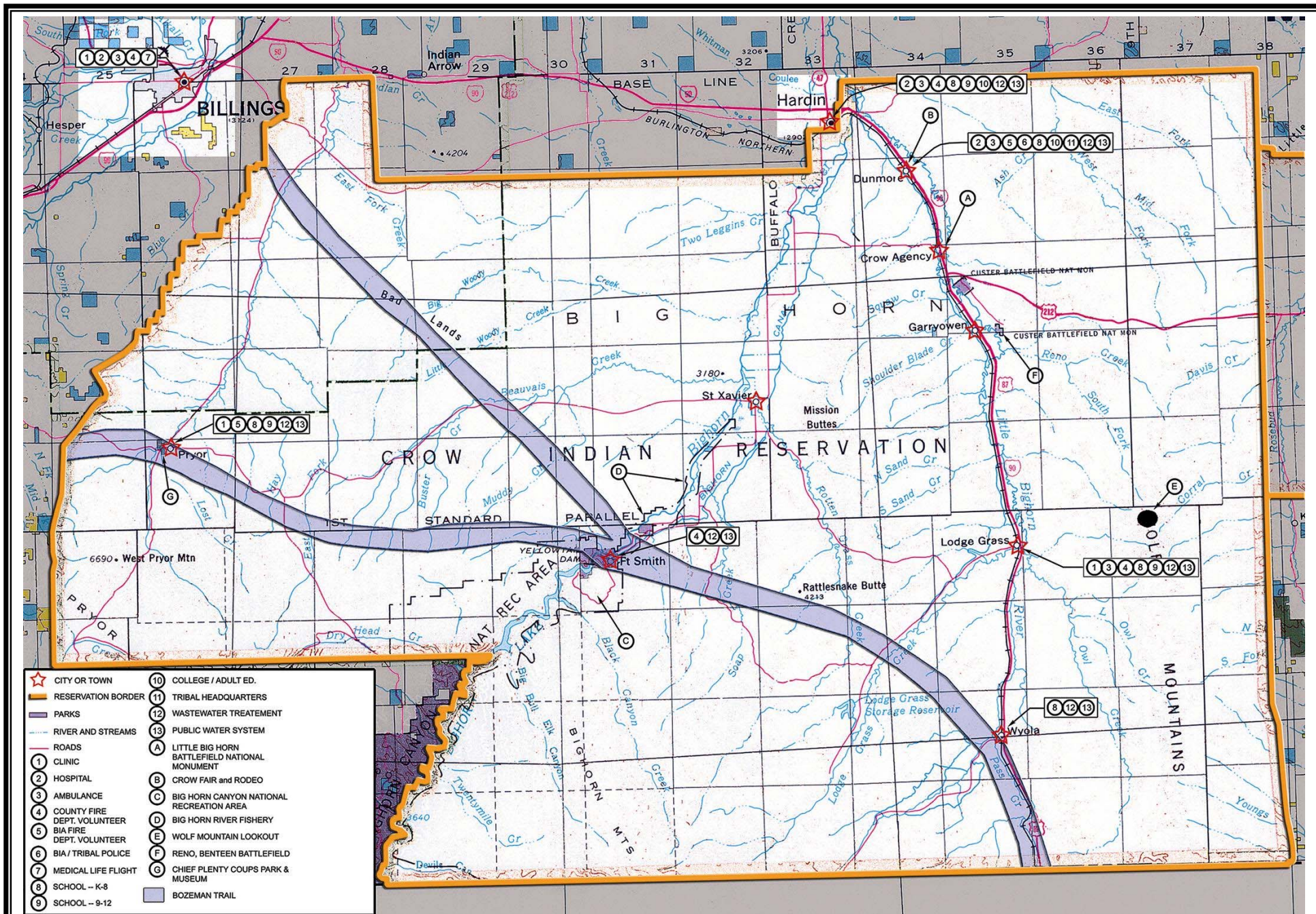


Figure 20
Reservation Facilities and Recreation Sites

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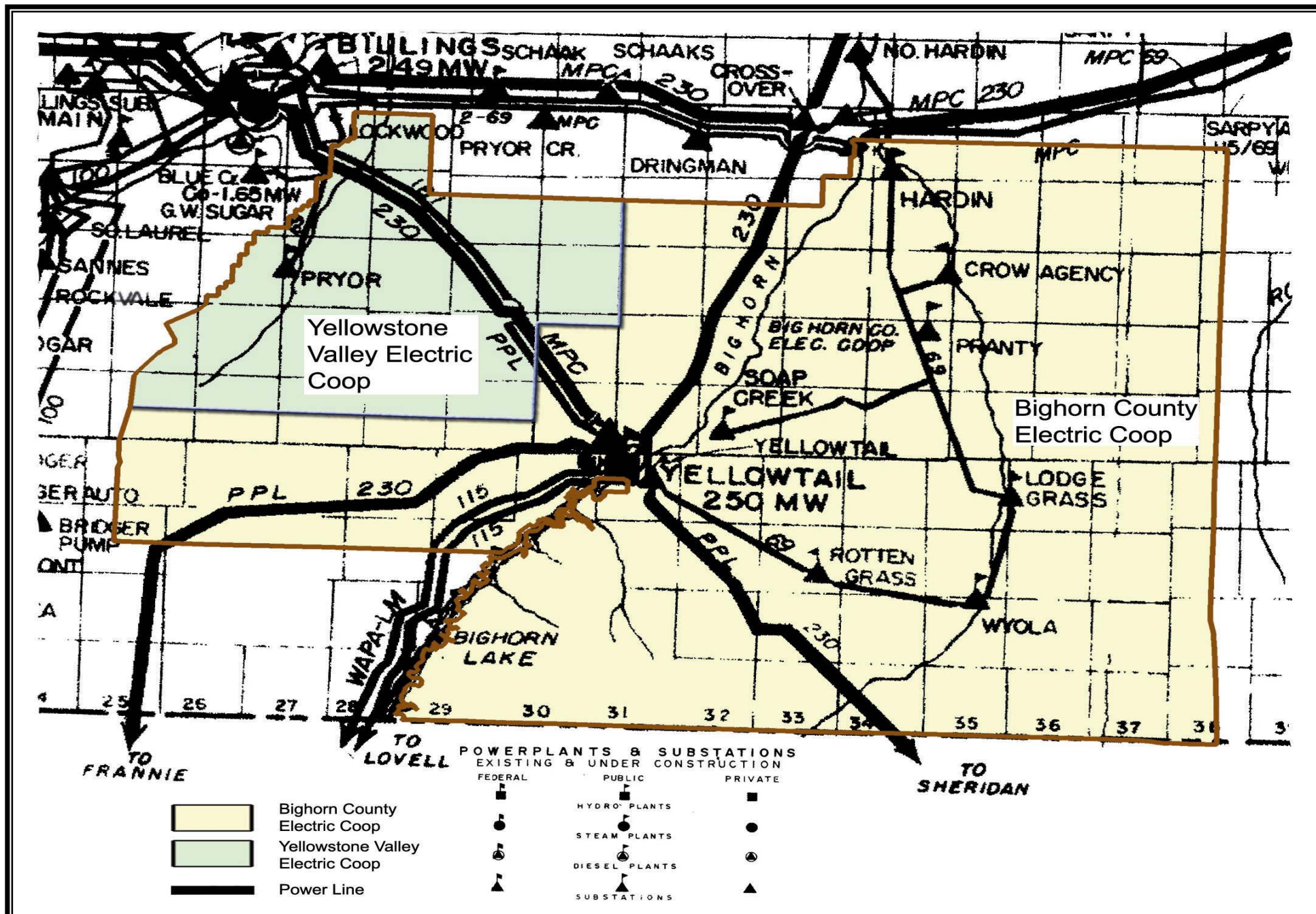


Figure 21
Electric Utilities



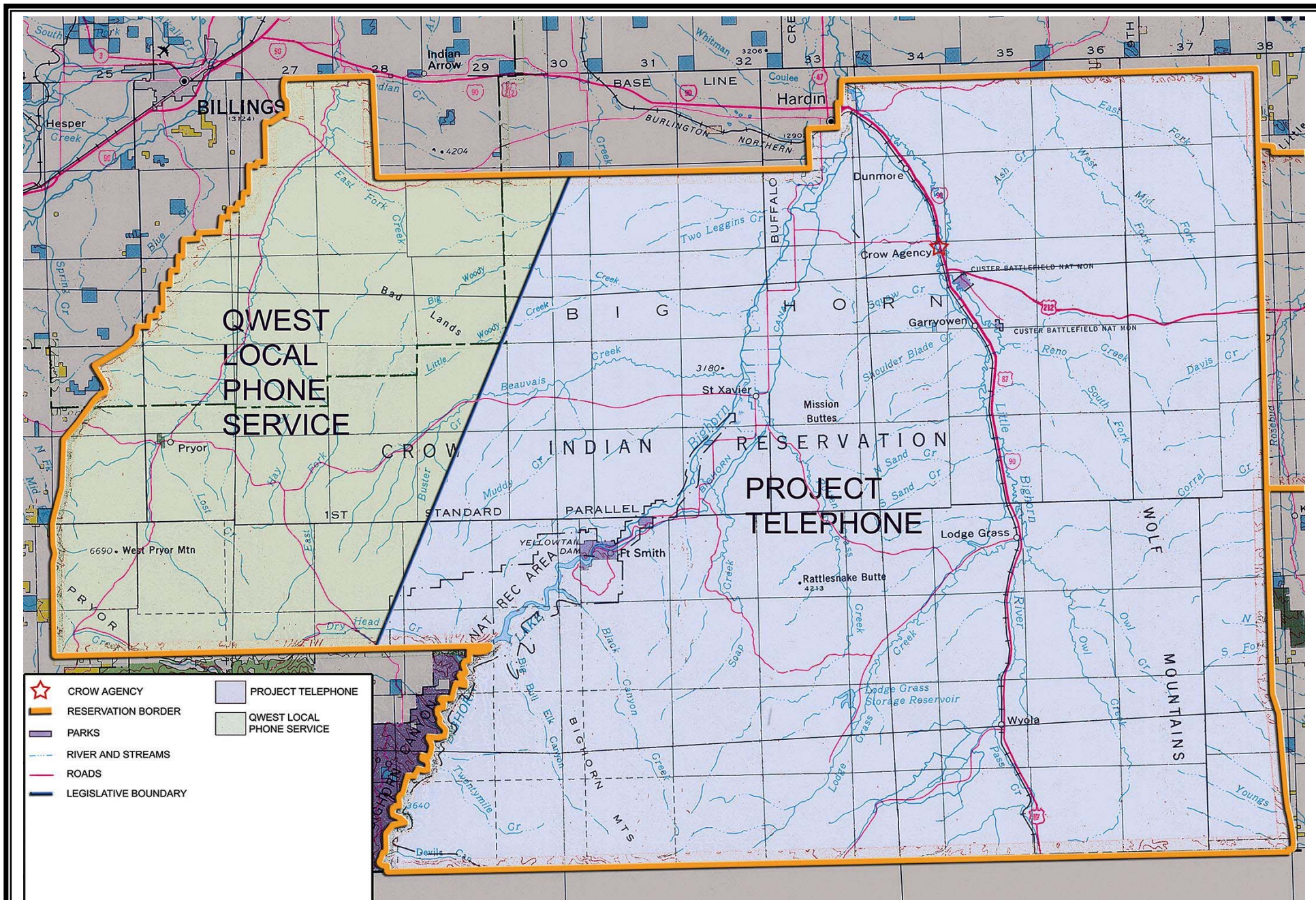


Figure 22
Telephone Utilities



HOUSEHOLD / BUSINESS UNITS	BASE COST: Water and sewer/month
390 residential units	\$30.00/mo. average
40 business units	\$90.00/mo. average
Bureau of Indian Affairs – programs and offices	\$84,000.00 annual absorbed costs
Crow Tribe – programs, businesses, government.	\$125,000.00 annually
Indian Health Service- housing, buildings.	\$109,000.00 Annually

- Water Storage Tanks: West Crow Hill Housing Tank and East Hospital Tank
- Community Septic Tank Systems: Contact Mr. Bruce Fritzler, IHS Hospital
- Waste Stabilization Ponds: Three ponds in need of maintenance and renovation
- Solid Waste Handling and Disposal: As part of the Big Horn County Solid Waste Plan , solid waste disposal is contracted.

Medical Facilities and Services (see Figure 20)

The Crow/Northern Cheyenne Indian Hospital is a 24-bed hospital that officially opened April 6, 1995. Service Unit was accredited by the JCAHO in October 2000.

The existing hospital facility provides general medical, pediatric, newborn, and OB/GYN inpatient services such as ENT, general surgery, limited orthopedic and ophthalmology are performed in the Crow/Northern Cheyenne Indian hospital through contractual arrangements with Specialists in Sheridan, Wyoming and Billings, Montana.

Nursing home care is provided by the “Awe-Kualawaache” (Chief Sits-in-the-Middle-of-the-Land) Nursing Home was officially opened for occupancy on May 13, 1998 and was certified by the state June 9 1998. The facility has a 40 resident capacity serving Medicaid, and private pay patients. The nursing home is located in the old tribal headquarters.

Ambulance Service is contracted by Big Horn County Ambulance out of Hardin. One ambulance is stationed at Crow Hospital. Extrication for vehicular accidents is provided by the ambulance stationed at Hardin, Montana.

Fire Protection (see Figure 20)

- Grass and Rangeland fire suppression: BIA Fire Department
- Structural Fire Suppression: BIA Fire Department has two new structural fire trucks, but has limited trained personnel to fight structural fires. Big Horn County Fire Department is dispatched to all structural fires from Hardin through a cooperative memorandum of understanding (MOU) agreement.

Law Enforcement (see Figure 20)

- BIA Police Department, Crow Agency Office, has jurisdiction for Indians on the reservation.
- Big Horn County Sheriff’s Office, Hardin, Montana, has jurisdiction for non-Indians on the reservation.
- Montana Highway Patrol has jurisdiction on I-90 through the reservation.

Lodge Grass

The town of Lodge Grass is incorporated with the state of Montana. The town is located 21 miles south of Crow Agency. The businesses and federal agencies are a grocery store, gas station, Indian Health Service Clinic, and schools.

Legislative District: (see Figure 4)

- Lodge Grass

Educational Facilities: (see Figure 20)

Elementary District #27 and High School District #2 – Tom Feeney, Superintendent

- Lodge Grass Schools – PK-12-
- Lodge Grass Elementary – Kenneth Deputee, Principal – Enrollment – 249 – (406) 639-2333
- Lodge Grass Jr. H.S. – John Small, Principal – Enrollment – 87- (406) 639-2385
- Lodge Grass H.S. – John Small – Enrollment – 169-(406) 639-2385

Utilities: (see Figures 21 and 22)

- Electric – Big Horn County Electric Co-op (406) 665-2830
- Telephone - Project Telephone Company (406) 783-5659
- Propane- Farmers Union Association Hardin (406) 665-1103
Lodge Grass Propane (406) 639-2216

Public Water and Sewer System: (Sanitation Survey 2000, (see Figure 20)

- City Municipal Water System – two wells and pump systems

HOUSEHOLD / BUSINESS UNITS	BASE COST: Water and sewer/month
258 Residential Units	\$10.03/mo. average

- Water Storage Tank – In need of maintenance and repairs
- Community Septic Tank Systems - Not applicable
- Waste Stabilization Ponds - In sound condition
- Solid Waste Handling and Disposal – Big Horn County Solid Waste Plan-Contracted.

Medical Facilities and Services: (see Figure 20)

The Lodge Grass Health Center was constructed in 1982 and the current roof was replaced in 1994. The remodeling of the health center is still on-going with funding pending. The Health Center provides curative health services to the Lodge Grass and Wyola areas of the Crow Reservation. Patients with acute health are referred to the Crow/Northern Cheyenne Indian Hospital for further evaluation, and if necessary, direct contract hospitalization. The Health Center provides a limited range of laboratory/radiology services, pharmaceutical care and a three chair Dental Clinic. The health center was JCAHO accredited in October 2000 for three years.

Ambulance Service – Contracted by Big Horn County Ambulance out of Hardin.

One ambulance is stationed at Lodge Grass in the evenings after the clinic closes. Extrication for vehicle accidents provided by ambulance stationed at Hardin, Montana.

Fire Protection: (see Figure 20)

- Grass and Rangeland fire suppression- BIA Fire Department – Crow Agency
- Structural Fire Suppression – The City has an active 20+ volunteer fire department with structural capability but out-dated equipment. They do not have any equipment to enter buildings during structure fires.

Law Enforcement: (see Figure 20)

- BIA Police Department – Crow Agency Office- Jurisdiction for Indians within the borders of the reservation.
- Big Horn County Sheriff – Hardin, Montana – Jurisdiction for Non-Indians within the borders of the reservation.
- Montana Highway Patrol - Jurisdiction on I-90 through the reservation.

Pryor

The uniqueness of the Pryor community is the home of the famous Chief Plenty Coups maintained and managed by the State of Montana. Directly across the site is the well-known Castle Rock where many tribal members go for vision quests. The businesses at Pryor have diminished to one small gas station and a cafe. There are no grocery stores at Pryor. It has been said that Pryor residents must travel to Billings, the next closest town, to purchase food and necessities. The educational systems for the communities are a private Catholic school, public elementary, and high school. Indian Health Service clinic provide health services to the Indian community. The clustered home sites are in the town of Pryor with scattered home sites leading to the Pryor Mountains.

Legislative District: (see Figure 4)

- Pryor

Educational Facilities: (see Figure 20)

Elementary District #2 and High School District #3

- Pryor Schools – PK-12 – Joe Barbero, Superintendent - (406) 259-7329
- Pryor Elementary – Sharon Stands, Principal - Enrollment – 37 (406) 259-8011
- Pryor Jr. H.S. – Sharon Stands, Principal – Enrollment – 20 (406) 259-7329
- Plenty Coups H.S. – Joe Barbero, Principal – Enrollment - 86

Utilities: (see Figures 21 and 22)

- Electric – Yellowstone Valley Electric Coop (406) 348-3411
- Telephone - Quest Communications
- Gas- Montana Dakota Utilities (406) 896-4280
- Propane- Billings and Hardin Multiple Suppliers

Public Water and Sewer System: (Sanitation Survey 2000, *see Figure 20*)

- Pryor Public Water System – well and pump system

HOUSEHOLD / BUSINESS UNITS	BASE COST: Water and sewer/month
81 Residential Units	\$15.00/mo. average
Business Units	\$50.00/mo. average

- Water Storage Tanks – Two fiber glass tanks – In need of repair and maintenance
- Community Septic Tank Systems - Not applicable
- Waste Stabilization Ponds - Reconstructed 1999
- Solid Waste Handling and Disposal – Big Horn County Solid Waste Plan-Contracted.

Medical Facilities and Services: (*see Figure 20*)

Construction of the new Pryor Health Center was completed and occupancy began in March, 1999. Patient care was available on April 8, 1999. The facility is located 69 miles from the Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital and 35 Miles from Billings, the closest community where non-IHS contract medical services are available.

The Health Center is open 5 days per week, 8 hours per day staffed by nurse practitioners. Staff provides health care services such as medical care from the Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital two to three times a week. A pharmacist from the Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital provides pharmaceutical care 3 days per week. A three chair Dental Clinic is available once per week.

Ambulance Service – There is no ambulance service at Pryor. AMR Ambulance.

Billings is dispatched for all emergency calls in Pryor area. Also Life Flight Helicopter Service is available to Pryor area.

Fire Protection: (*see Figure 20*)

- Grass and Rangeland fire suppression- BIA Fire Department – Pryor station –summer only.
- Structural Fire Suppression – There is no structural fire fighting capability in the Pryor area. The nearest structural fire department is in the City of Lockwood 30 miles north of Pryor.

Law Enforcement: (*see Figure 20*)

- BIA Police Department – Billings Area Office- Jurisdiction for Indians within the borders of the reservation.
- Big Horn County Sheriff – Hardin, Montana – Jurisdiction for Non-Indians within the borders of the reservation.
- Montana Highway Patrol - Jurisdiction on I-90 through the reservation.

Wyola

The community closest to the Wyoming border is Wyola. This was once a town with a bank, motel, and grocery stores, but currently one cafe exists and the U.S. Postal Service.

Legislative District: (see Figure 4)

- Wyola

Educational Facilities: (see Figure 20)

- Elementary District #29
- Wyola School – PK-8 – Doug Calkins, Principal – Enrollment – 52-(406) 343-2722

Utilities: (see Figures 21 and 22)

- Electric – Big Horn County Electric Coop (406) 665-2830
- Telephone - Project Telephone Company (406) 783-5659
- Propane- Farmers Union Assn. Hardin (406) 665-1103/Lodge Grass Propane (406) 639-2216

Public Water and Sewer System: (Sanitation Survey 2000, see Figure 20)

Wyola Public Water System- two wells are available

HOUSEHOLD / BUSINESS UNITS	BASE COST: Water and sewer/month
36 Residential Units	\$12.00/flat rate

- Water Storage Tanks – Two underground fiber glass tanks
- Community Septic Tank Systems - Not applicable
- Waste Stabilization Ponds - two ponds –out of compliance
- Solid Waste Handling and Disposal – Big Horn County Solid Waste Plan- Contracted.

Medical Facilities and Services: (see Figure 20)

There are no medical facilities at Wyola. Residents must travel to Lodge Grass or Crow Agency to receive medical treatment.

- Ambulance Service – Crow Agency Ambulance dispatched between 8am – 5pm.
Lodge Grass Ambulance dispatched between 5pm - 8am.
- Extrication for vehicle accidents provided by ambulance stationed at Hardin, Montana.

Fire Protection: (see Figure 20)

- Grass and Rangeland fire suppression- BIA Fire Department – Crow Agency
- Structural Fire Suppression – Lodge Grass Fire Department is dispatched to structural fires.

Law Enforcement: (see Figure 20)

- BIA Police Department – Crow Agency Office- Jurisdiction for Indians within the borders of the reservation.
- Big Horn County Sheriff – Hardin, Montana – Jurisdiction for Non-Indians within the borders of the reservation.
- Montana Highway Patrol - Jurisdiction on I-90 through the reservation.

Saint Xavier and Yellowtail (Fort Smith)

Both towns of Saint Xavier and Yellowtail are usually considered one community even though they are 21 miles apart. They have a combined population of 300. Saint Xavier is well known for the Catholic missionary school built over a century ago and now with new buildings known as Pretty Eagle School. The only other structure that stands, is a new U.S. Postal Service building. The only businesses around Saint Xavier are outfitters and shuttles along the Bighorn River, which extends upstream to Yellowtail.

Legislative District: (see Figure 4)

- Big Horn

Educational Facilities: (see Figure 20)

Elementary District #17H

- Fort Smith School – PK-2 – Deborah Lanthier, ST – Enrollment – 40-(406) 666-2305

Utilities: (see Figures 21 and 22)

- Electric – Big Horn County Electric Coop (406) 665-2830
- Telephone - Project Telephone Company (406) 783-5659
- Propane- Farmers Union Assn. Hardin (406) 665-1103
Lodge Grass Propane (406) 639-2216

Public Water and Sewer System: (Sanitation Survey 2000, see Figure 20)

United States Bureau of Reclamations (USBR)- Controlled and operated, information not obtained for this report.

Medical Facilities and Services: (see Figure 20)

There are no medical facilities at Saint Xavier or Yellowtail. Residents must travel to Lodge Grass, Hardin or Crow Agency to receive medical treatment.

- Ambulance Service – Hardin Ambulance would be dispatched 24 hrs / Crow Agency Ambulance could be dispatched 8am – 5pm / Lodge Grass Ambulance could be dispatched 5pm - 8am.
- Extrication for vehicle accidents provided by ambulance stationed at Hardin, Montana.

Fire Protection: (see Figure 20)

- Grass and Rangeland fire suppression- BIA Fire Department – Crow Agency
- Structural Fire Suppression – USBR volunteer Fire Department at Yellowtail

Law Enforcement: *(see Figure 20)*

- BIA Police Department – Crow Agency Office- Jurisdiction for Indians within the borders of the reservation.
- Big Horn County Sheriff – Hardin, Montana – Jurisdiction for Non-Indians within the borders of the reservation.
- Montana Highway Patrol - Jurisdiction on I-90 through the reservation.